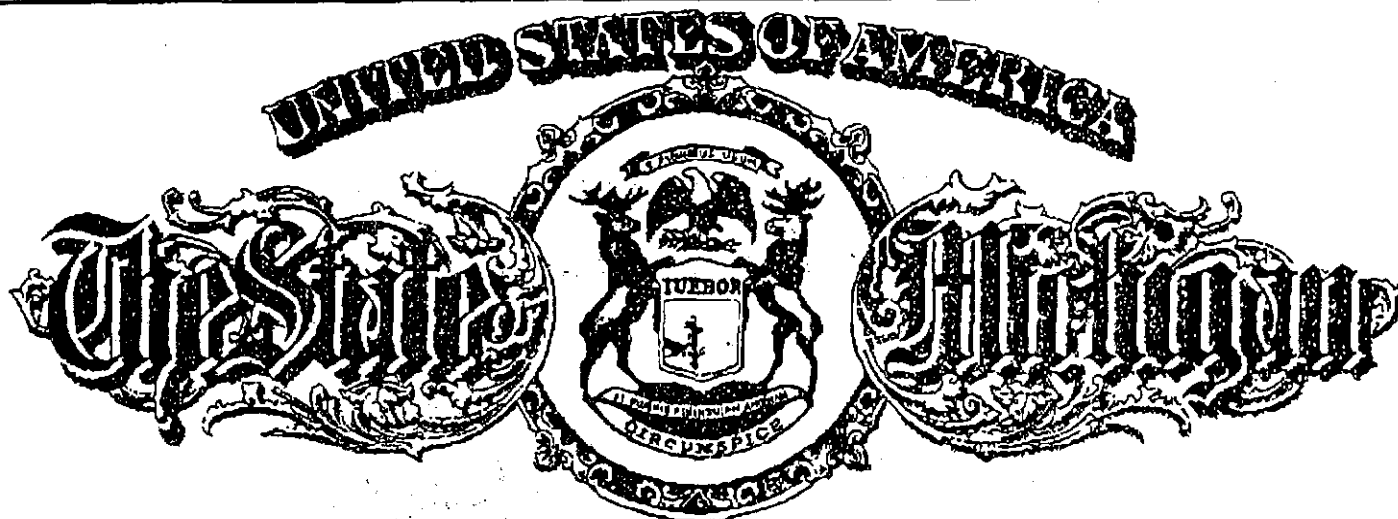


EXHIBIT A

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN ILLINOIS**



Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services

Lansing, Michigan

This is to Certify That

RVP FIBER COMPANY, L.L.C.

a Michigan limited liability company, filed Articles of Organization in this office on May 25, 2000.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the Articles are in full force and effect as of this date, and a Certificate of Dissolution has not been filed.

This certificate is in due form, made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit given it in every court and office within the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Department, in the City of Lansing, this 26th day of December, 2000.

, Director

Bureau of Commercial Services

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE • Secretary of State

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CT CORPORATION SYSTEM
208 S LASALLE ST
CHICAGO, IL 60604-0000

RE RVP FIBER COMPANY, L.L.C.

DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

IT IS OUR PLEASURE TO APPROVE YOUR REQUEST TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND AN APPROVED APPLICATION OF ADMISSION.

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MUST FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH (MONTH OF QUALIFICATION) NEXT YEAR. A PRE-PRINTED ANNUAL REPORT FORM WILL BE SENT TO THE REGISTERED AGENT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ITS ANNIVERSARY MONTH.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse White".

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS SERVICES
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY DIVISION
TELEPHONE (217)524-8008

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Form **LLC-45.5**
January 1998

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Limited Liability Company Division
Room 352, Howlett Building
Springfield, IL 62756
<http://www.sos.state.il.us>

Payment must be made by certified
check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's
C.P.A.'s check or money order, payable
to "Secretary of State."

Illinois Limited Liability Company Act

Application for Admission to Transact Business

Must be typewritten

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Date 07-08-2000
Assigned File 0043-2004-9
Filing Fee \$400.00
Penalty 00
Approved:

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Secretary of State**FILED**

JULY 8, 2000

LIMITED LIABILITY CO. DIV.
JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE

PAID

JULY 8, 2000

- Limited Liability Company name: RVP Fiber Company, L.L.C.
(Must comply with Section 1-10 of ILLCA or article 2 below applies.)
- The assumed name, other than the true company name, under which the LLC proposes to transact business in Illinois is: _____
(If applicable, a form LLC-1.20, Application to Adopt an Assumed Name, is required to be completed and attached to this application.)
- Federal Employer Identification Number (F.E.I.N.): _____
- Jurisdiction of Organization: Michigan
- Date of Organization: May 23, 2000
- Period of Duration: Perpetual
- The address, including county, of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of its organization, or if not required, of the principal place of business (Post office box alone and c/o are unacceptable):

20 Monroe, N.W.		430
Number	Street	Suite
Grand Rapids, MI	49503	Kent County
City/State	Zip Code	County
- Registered agent: C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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- Registered Office: 208 S. La Salle Street

Number	Street	Suite #
Chicago	Cook	Illinois
City	County	Zip Code

(P.O. Box or c/o are unacceptable)
- The date on which this foreign LLC first did business in Illinois: None

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The purpose or purposes for which the company is organized and proposes to conduct in this State: Include the business code # (IRS Form 1065).

The purpose or purposes for which the limited liability company is formed is to engage in any activity within the purposes for which a limited liability company may be formed under the Limited Liability Act of Michigan. **AND PERMITTED UNDER IL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.**

The provision of telecommunication services. (513300)

The limited liability company is managed by:

- ☐ manager(s)
☒ vested in member(s)

The Illinois Secretary of State is hereby appointed the agent of the limited liability company for service of process under the circumstances set forth in a subsection (b) of Section 1-50 of the ILCA.

This application is accompanied by a certificate of good standing or existence, as well as a copy of the articles of organization, as amended, duly authenticated within the last thirty (30) days, by the officer of the state or country wherein the LLC is formed.

If the period of duration is a date certain and is not stated in the Articles of Organization from the domestic state, a copy of that page from the Operating Agreement stating the date must also be submitted.

The undersigned affirms, under penalties of perjury, having authority to sign hereto, that this application for admission to transact business is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete.

Dated June 19, 2000.



(Signature must comply with Section 5-45 of ILCA)

Ronald N. Vander Pol, Member

(Type or print name and title)

(If applicant is a company or other entity, state name of company and indicate whether it is a member or manager of the LLC.)

*Please refer to Sections 170.20(d) and (e) of the Administrative Rules

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